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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-captioned application, no filing fee is due. If it is determined that a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-1213.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98. Forms PTO-1449 (8 pages) and copies of the cited documents are provided herewith in connection with the above-captioned application.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing references and make them of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,
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